

the others came before AGNI; the mighty
one¹ (the
Sun) stood within the worlds ; (YAYTJ),
the purifier,
entered the quarters of the sky.

15. (She who is) the mother of the
BUDRAS, the
daughter of the VASUS, the sister of the
ADITYAS,
the home of ambrosia, — I have spoken
to men of
understanding, — kill not *her*^ the
sinless inviolate
cow.

16. The divine cow, who herself utters
speech and
gives speech to others,² who comes
attended by every
Mnd of utterance, who helps me for my
worship of
the gods, — it is only the fool who
abandons her,

IX. (GIL)

The deity is As:si ; the metre is *Gayatri* ; the *RisJii*
is PILLTOGA
of the family of BH^IGT: or AG^I EIRHASPATYI. or
FJYAXA, or
one or "both of the two AGXIS, the sons of
SABLIS,, called
GBIHAPAXI and YATISHTETA,

17. Divine AGXI, the ever young, the
wise, the
protector of the household, it is thou
who givest
abundant food to the worshipper.

18. Eesplendent one, do thou, the
all-knower,
bring the gods hither with this
our reverential
hymn of praise.

created a fourth Mnd which were thus fed
and lived. The

* others ' are those which thus survived.

¹ ' The mighty one ' is explained as the Sun.
Sayana, 'how-
ever, adds that others (as, *e.g.* the Satapatha

Brahmana) ta"ke it
as Prajapati.

* Sayana adds that men are silent while they are hungry, but begin to speak when they have eaten food.